

CLAIMS

What is claimed as new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A system for digital license generation, the system comprising:

5 a license pattern generator for creating at least one license pattern structured in accordance with the characteristics of an at least one digital product and for creating an at least one license handler module structured in accordance with the at least one license pattern and with the at least one digital product;

10 a digital product modifier for integrating the at least one license handler module into the at least one digital product; and

at least one modified digital product comprising the at least one digital product integrated with the at least one license handler module.

2. The system of claim 1 further comprises:

15 a digital license generator to generate an at least one digital license from the at least one license pattern; and

a digital license distribution server for receiving the at least one digital license and the at least one modified digital product integrated with the at least one license handler, for generating at least one unique digital product copy license based on the at least one digital license and for sending the at least one unique digital product copy license in response to a customer
20 request for installation.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein the modified digital product comprises:

an at least one executable file for performing the functionality of the digital product;
and

a digital license handler to handle licensing functions during the execution of the at
least one executable file;

5 thereby enabling independent self-enabled real-time licensing functionality to the
digital product

4. The system of claim 3 wherein the modified digital product comprises
an at least one image file, or an at least one sound file or an at least one video file or
an at least one document file or an at least one digital documentation file.

10 5. The system of claim 1 further comprises the elements of:

at least one digital product manufacturer server communicatively connected to the
digital license distribution server;

an at least one end-user computing platform communicatively connected to the
digital license distribution server; and

15 the digital license distribution server communicatively connected to a second digital
license server.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein the digital license distribution server
comprises the elements of:

20 a digital licensing application to generate at least one unique digital product copy
license in response to a request from a customer; and

a digital licensing database to store information associated with the generation of the
at least one unique digital product copy license.

7. The system of claim 6 wherein the digital licensing application comprises the elements of:

a product dealer handler for handling digital licenses and modified digital products;

an end user handler for collecting end-user-specific information, computing

5 platform-specific information, and the identification of the digital product installed on the computing platform; and

an end-user license generator for creating an at least one unique digital product specific license for the requesting end-user..

8. A method for digital license generation, the method comprising the
10 steps of:

generating an at least one digital product-specific license pattern to be used for the creation of an at least one digital license;

creating an at least one license handler module structured in accordance with the characteristics of a digital product and with the product-specific license pattern;

15 modifying an at least one digital product by integrating an at least one license handler module with the at least one digital product; and

conveying an at least one modified digital product integrated with the at least one license handler module to a customer independently of a digital license.

9. The method of claim 8 further comprises the steps of:

20 building an at least one digital license for distribution based on the digital product-specific license pattern;

generating an at least one unique digital product copy license in response to a request for the unique digital product copy license from a customer; and

5 sending the at least one unique digital product copy license to the requesting customer for installation for enabling the operation of the modified digital product.

10 10. The method of claim 8 whereby the step of conveying further comprises the step of disabling specific operational options provided by the digital product conveyed to the customer.

11. The method of claim 10 whereby the step of disabling specific operational options provided by the digital product conveyed to a customer allows for limited utilization of the digital product.

10 12. The method of claim 8 further comprises the step of sending digital licenses to a digital license distributor server associated with a digital product distributor.

13. The method of claim 8 further comprises the step of identifying an end user unique identification.

15 14. The method of claim 8 further comprises initiating a communication session with at least one digital product manufacturer for submitting at least one request for at least one digital license.

15. The method of claim 8 further comprises notifying a digital product manufacturer of the digital product and the associated unique digital product copy license of the completion of the licensing transaction.

20 16. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of notifying further comprises providing detailed user-specific, computing platform-specific, digital product-specific and unique digital product copy license-specific information associated with the completed licensing transaction.

17. The system of claim 1, wherein the digital product is a software application.

18. The system of claim 1, wherein the digital product is an audio file.

19. The system of claim 1, wherein the digital product is an electronic

5 document.

20. The system of claim 1, wherein the digital product is an e-coupon.